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NEBRASKA'S 2006 CROP PRODUCTION UPDATE

LINCOLN, Neb., October 12, 2006 -- Based on October 1 conditions, Nebraska's **corn** crop is forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, virtually unchanged from last month and 2 percent below last year, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Yield is forecast at 161 bushels per acre, 4 bushels above last month but 5 bushels below 2004's record high. Area to be harvested for grain was decreased 200,000 acres to 7.75 million, 6 percent below a year ago.

Soybean production in Nebraska is forecast at 255 million bushels, 6 percent above last month, 8 percent above last year, and highest on record. Yield is forecast at a record 51 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and up 0.5 bushel from the previous high of 50.5 bushels per acre in 2005. Area for harvest, at a record 5.0 million, is up 200,000 acres from September, 7 percent above last year and 2 percent above the previous high set in 2001.

Sorghum production in Nebraska is forecast at 21.1 million bushels, down 12 percent from September and 3 percent below last year. Yield is forecast at 81 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the previous month but down 6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest at 260,000 is down 40,000 acres from last month, but up 4 percent from a year earlier. **Dry edible bean** production of 2.67 million cwt. is down 31 percent from last year. **Sugarbeet** production of 1.28 million tons is up 39 percent from 2005. **Sunflower** production of 47.9 million pounds is down 66 percent from last year. **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 4.55 million tons, 2 percent below last year, and **all other hay** production, at 2.15 million tons, is forecast 8 percent below a year earlier.

Acreage updates to planted and harvested area from levels published in the September Crop Production Report were made based on a review of administrative information.

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